

MORNING PAPERS : WEDNESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1948.

EVENING PAPERS : WEDNESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1948.

BROADCASTING STATIONS : MIDNIGHT, TUESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1948.

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - AUSTRALIA - OCTOBER, 1948.

INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT DURING OCTOBER.

The number of wage and salary earners in employment (excluding rural industry, and females in private domestic service) increased by 5,500 during October, 1948 to the new record high level of 2,395,200 (males 1,740,800; females 654,400). Males in employment increased by 2,100 and females by 3,400. Numbers employed by Government authorities rose by 200, comprising 100 males and 100 females, while persons privately employed increased by 5,300 (males 2,000; females 3,300).

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

During October, 1948, numbers employed by Commonwealth Authorities decreased by 300 (all males) and Local Government employees by 400. State and Semi-Government employment increased by 900 (all males).

INCREASES IN ALL STATES EXCEPT QUEENSLAND.

In Queensland total employment showed no change from September to October but in all other states increases were recorded. In New South Wales male employment was affected by the disputes in the South Coast coal mining industry and the ship repairing industry.

CHANGES IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

Increases in numbers employed in various industrial groups included the following : manufacturing (500 - see below); building (400); public works (400); road transport (300); shipping and stevedoring (1,200); postal, etc. Services (400); finance (300); commerce (2,400); professional and personal services (1,400). Employment in coal mining was 1,600 below September due to an industrial dispute.

CHANGES IN FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

The major variation in factory employment from September to October, 1948 was in the metal working, shipbuilding and vehicles group (down 1,200) partly as a result of an industrial dispute affecting the ship repair and maintenance industry. The following increases were recorded : textiles (500); furniture etc. (300); clothing (200); food and drink (200) sawmilling (200); miscellaneous (200); bricks, pottery, glass (100), paper, printing (300).

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